

MEETING OF

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, September 14, 2005, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Ann Visalli, Deputy State Treasurer (representing Jack Markell,
Lyn Davenport, Secretary	State Treasurer)
Dennis Clay, Treasurer	Kevin Coyle (representing John Hughes, Secretary of DNREC)
Alden Hopkins	Michael T. Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture
Theodore Bobola, Jr.	W. Allen Jones

Absent: William Vanderwende

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Milton Melendez, Howard Mesick, Cathy Mesick, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski and Mr. Phil Tuthill.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with prayer.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have 604 farms, with 140,177 acres in preservation agreements, 442 farms with 79,959 acres, total cost of \$103,623,460.00 in agricultural easements, and 80 farms with 12,277 acres totaling \$153,980, 434.00 in applications for Purchase of Development Rights 11.

II. District Eligibility

1. Coverdale Farm District, ID#N-04-11-240. After discussion, **Dennis Clay moved to accept for eligibility the Coverdale Farm District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Expansion Eligibility/Approval

1. The Probert Expansion of the Beaver Creek Farms District, ID#S-06-06-093F. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Probert Expansion of the Beaver Creek Farms District, seconded by Dennis Clay. Motion unanimously approved.**

2. The A. Robert Masten Expansion of the A. Robert Masten District, ID#K-05-08-001F. After discussion, **Theodore Bobola, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the A. Robert Masten Expansion of the A. Robert Masten District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

3. The Pear Tree Lane Expansion of the Adams/Holloway District, ID#K-05-06-039F. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Pear Tree Lane Expansion of the Adams/Holloway District, seconded by Dennis Clay. Motion unanimously approved.**

4. The Pear Tree Lane II Expansion of the Adams/Holloway District, ID#K-05-06-039G. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Pear Tree Lane II Expansion of the Adams/Holloway District, seconded by Dennis Clay. Motion unanimously approved.**

Secretary Scuse waived the veto of the Secretary of Agriculture for the four Expansions, the Probert Expansion of the Beaver Creek Farms District, the A. Robert Masten Expansion of the A. Robert Masten District, the Pear Tree Lane Expansion of the Adams/Holloway District and the Pear Tree Lane II Expansion of the Adams/Holloway District.

IV. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

- V. Minutes – Chairman Garey asked if there were additions or corrections to the August 10, 2005 minutes. Receiving no additions or corrections to the minutes, **W. Allen Jones moved the minutes be approved, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

VI. Financial Highlights

Cathy Mesick informed the Foundation Board that we had, as of August 31, 2005, \$9,054.26 in the Foundation's checking account. The Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account had a balance of \$136,134.76. Revenue for the month of August totaled \$771.23 which came from New Castle County rollback taxes. Expenditures for the month of August totaled \$7,441.31. After discussion, **Dennis Clay moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Theodore Bobola Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

Cathy Mesick requested the Foundation consider a Resolution stating who can sign checks for the Foundation checkbook. Discussion followed in which it was decided that Mark Davis could sign in place of Secretary Michael T. Scuse; **Lyn Davenport moved to accept the Resolution allowing Mark Davis to sign when Secretary Scuse is not available and outlining the other persons who are to sign Foundation checks, seconded by Dennis Clay. Motion unanimously approved.**

- VII. Executive Session – No Executive Session was necessary.

VIII. Other Business

Michael Parkowski mentioned that the survey firms cannot do the survey work until the crops are in for PDR 10, and that the appraisals for PDR 11 will be coming in soon. To do the three lots we will need to get the Counties involved. We will not charge 25% of the value of the three lots on the older properties which came into the program before the new legislation. We will deduct acreage from the PDR payments for the three lots on the properties which come into the program after the new legislation. We will need to let them know this in advance. If they don't want the three lots then they have the right to waive the three lots and then no residential use would be allowed. We will also put into the District Agreement that they can have the lots, but they don't need to designate the lots until they sell their development rights. They can still designate the lots if they want them before they sell their development rights.

Michael McGrath wanted the Foundation to know that we have approximately 11 people who have inquired about the Forestland Preservation Program. Mr. McGrath also informed the Board that we will present the Foundation Budget for their approval at the October meeting and that the University of Delaware will be doing a survey of how much development costs the State of Delaware, and we would like them to do a survey showing how much farmland preservation saves the State of Delaware.

IX. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on October 12, 2005 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Davenport
Secretary